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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Andrea D. Branch et al.
 Serial No.: 09/719,277
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 For: *Novel Hepatitis C Virus Peptides and Uses Thereof*
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Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants request a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated February 14, 2001.

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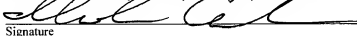
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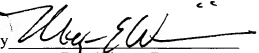

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